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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

**RE:** Approval of the Proposed Changes to Certification Tests

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to recommend assessments and minimum scores for approval by the Council.

The Commissioner of Education recommends the following changes to assessment instruments and passing scores for approval to the council:

### Testing Updates

Certification Area	Current Test	Cut Score	Proposed Test	Recommended Cut Score
Building Level Administrator	ETS School Leader Licensure Assessment (6011)	166	ETS School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990)	151
All Grades World Languages Teacher – Chinese	Oral Proficiency Interview in Chinese	Advanced Low	ETS Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665)	164

**Building Level Administrator** - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will no longer offer the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6011) as of September 2019. The new assessment, ETS School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990), aligns to the *Professional Standards for Educational Leaders*, from which Rhode Island developed its own *Rhode Island Standards for Educational Leaders*. The recommended cut score is the recommended passing score from the multistate standard-setting study conducted in February 2018. A representative from Rhode Island participated in the study.

**All Grades World Languages Teacher – Chinese** - Rhode Island has previously adopted ETS content tests for French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Adopting the ETS Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665) test makes it more consistent with other testing requirements for All Grades World Languages. The recommended cut score for ETS Chinese (Mandarin) is the recommended cut score from the multistate standard-setting study, in which two Rhode Island representatives participated in 2012. This cut score is consistent with other states; 20 out of 24 states currently requiring the test use a cut score of 164.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the ETS School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990) with a cut score of 151 and the ETS Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665) with a cut score of 164.**